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ELIAS C. ALVORD (1942) ELLSWORTH C. ALVORD (1964)

Mr. Vernon A. Williams Secretary Surface Transportation Board Washington, D.C. 20423

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed for recordation pursuant to the provisions of 49 U.S.C. Section 11301(a) are two (2) copies of a Memorandum of Lease, dated as of December 30, 1997, a primary document as defined in the Board's Rules for the Recordation of Documents and the following secondary documents related thereto: Memoranda of Security Agreement, Lease Supplement No. 1, Security Agreement Supplement No. 1 and Lease Assignment.

The names and addresses of the parties to the enclosed documents are:

Memorandum of Lease

Lease Supplement No. 1

Lessor

Harris Trust and Savings Bank

311 West Monroe Street Chicago, Illinois 60603

Lessee

NorRail, Inc.

308 12th Avenue South Buffalo, Minnesota 55313

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Memorandum of Security Agreement

and

Security Agreement Supplement No. 1

Debtor

Harris Trust and Savings Bank

311 West Monroe Street Chicago, Illinois 60603

Security Trustee

Wilmington Trust Company

1100 North Market Street

Wilmington, Delaware 19890-0001

Memorandum of Lease Assignment

Lessor

Harris Trust and Savings Bank

311 West Monroe Street Chicago, Illinois 60603

Security Trustee

Wilmington Trust Company

1100 North Market Street

Wilmington, Delaware 19890-0001

A description of the railroad equipment covered by the enclosed documents is:

two hundred (200) railcars CHTT 273000 through CHTT 273199

Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$120.00 payable to the order of the Surface Transportation Board covering the required recordation fee.

Kindly return stamped copies of the enclosed documents to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Alvord

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MEMORANDUM OF SECURITY AGREEMENT

MEMORANDUM OF SECURITY AGREEMENT, made and entered into as of December 30, 1997 by and between HARRIS TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee under the Trust Agreement dated as of December 15, 1997, as Debtor (the "Debtor") and WILMINGTON TRUST COMPANY, a Delaware corporation, as Security Trustee (the "Security Trustee").

WITNESSETH:

The undersigned have entered into that certain Security Agreement-Trust Deed (the "Security Agreement"), dated as of December 15, 1997 by which the Debtor has granted a security interest in certain railroad rolling stock bearing road numbers as listed on Exhibit A attached hereto to the Security Trustee in order to secure the Debtor's performance of its obligations as described in the Security Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have each caused this memorandum to be duly executed by their respective officers duly authorized as of the date and year first above written.

> HARRIS TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee under the Trust Agreement dated as of December 15, 1997.

VILE PRESIDENT Title:

Executed on this Adday of December, 1997.

WILMINGTON TRUST COMPANY

By:

Name:

Title:

MES P. LAWLER

ice President

294 day of December, 1997. Executed on this

STATE OF Throws) COUNTY OF COOK)
COUNTY OF COOK)
On this, the 23 day of December, 1997, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared J. BARTOLINI, who being by me duly sworn, says that (s)he is the VICE PRESIDENT of HARRIS TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee under the Trust Agreement dated as of December 1997, that said instrument was signed on December 23, 1997 on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and (s)he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation, as Owner Trustee.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.
"OFFICIAL SEAL" Marianne Tinerella Notary Public, State of Illinois My Commission Exp. 05/21/2001 My Commission Exp. 05/21/2001 Residing in Cook Cooks
STATE OF New John SS.:
On this, the 29 day of December, 1997, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared 1997, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared 1997, who being by me duly sworn, says that (s)he is the Vice President of WILMINGTON TRUST COMPANY, that said instrument was signed on December 23 1997 on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and (s)he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official, seal on the date above mentioned.
Name: Notary Public My Commission Expires: JEANETTE D. McCARTHY Residing in Notary Public, State of New York No. 41-4675826 Qualified in Queens County Qualified in Queens County Commission Expires Jan. 31, 19 MARKETER
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SCHEDULE A

Equipment Quantity Road Numbers

200 new 73' (286,000 lb.) GRL 200 CHTT273000 through centerbeam bulkhead railroad flatcars manufactured in 1997 by National Steel Car Ltd.